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See attached interview summary.

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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John Rovnak

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Brian Marcus(3) Richard Apley(2) Warren Heit(4) John RovnakDate of Interview Jun 9, 1997Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.Claim(s) discussed: 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, and 16

Identification of prior art discussed:

Ryan (U.S. Patent 5,188,368), Chan (U.S. Patent 5,088,928)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicants discussed amending claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, and 16 to include the new limitation of an object for emitting a signal including encoded information and further amending claim 2 to include the new limitation of the computer providing visual feedback of the data detected from the objects placed on the surface. Applicant was advised to include the language of "actively emitting a signal" into the claims to overcome the prior art of Ryan and Chan regarding claims 1 and 9.

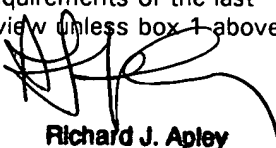
Examiners Apley and Rovnak advised caution that applicant's suggested amendment to claims 2, 4, and 16, which read only on the board surface of applicant's claimed invention, and claim 6 which reads only on the object placed on the board surface, do not overcome the prior art.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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